

amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, review a final rule of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

# RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TECH4

## HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 25th anniversary of Tech4, a design and engineer control systems company, in De Pere.

This business came from humble beginnings when a group of engineers came together on July 8, 1997, to build an automation company that both clients and employees could trust and believe in. The vision of four engineers and their marketing employee came to fruition after identifying a gap in the automation industry. As the business continued to grow, Tech4 continued to live by its founding mission of providing high-quality service and by utilizing a people-first mindset that is the key to the success of each individual project. I commend the founders of Tech4 and their team members for their continued service and dedication to their work.

For the past 25 years, Tech4 has provided services to nearly 400 by improving their manufacturing business through implementing renowned automation and power system solutions. Regardless of the size of the project, the lasting success of Tech4 comes from each employee treating every project as if it was their own. Tech4 has seen significant growth over the past 25 years. Beginning with a team of only 5 employees to nearly 30 has forced Tech4 to add on a second building. Through the expansion of different departments, including its salesforce, Tech4 has remained unchanged in its goal to create successful solutions and to serve industrial manufacturers. I applaud Tech4 for its exceptional work, continued growth, and success for the past 25 years.

Since the beginning, Tech4 has placed an importance on giving back to its employees and to the community. Tech4 began sponsoring the YMCA Chili Cookoff and has continued to be a great supporter of the Green Bay area and surrounding communities. Tech4 employees span from a wide range of backgrounds, from scout leaders to VEX robotics judges, but they come together in their passion to give back to their communities.

I invite all members of this body to join me in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Tech4. I extend my sincere congratulations to the Tech4 team on this outstanding milestone and wish them lasting success for the next 25 years and beyond.

# TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF NORMAN EARLY

## HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Denver's most dedi-

cated public servants, Norman "Norm" Early, who passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the age of 76.

Norm was born and grew up, right here, in our nation's capital. As a high school track star attending Calvin Coolidge Senior High in Washington, D.C., he was recruited to run track at American University. In addition to attending classes and running track as a member of the university's track and field team, Norm also worked as a member of the school's grounds crew to help pay his way through college.

If all that wasn't enough, Norm decided to run for—and ultimately became—American University's first Black student body president in 1966. And, after graduating from American University in 1967, Norm went on to earn his law degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

It was then, as a newly minted lawyer, that Norm decided to move to Denver where he immediately got to work helping some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Norm's passion for helping others knew no bounds. He served 10 years as Chief Deputy District Attorney in Denver, before becoming Denver's first Black District Attorney in 1983 following his appointment by then-Governor Dick Lamm. Norm would serve in this post several years after winning successive elections in 1984, 1988, and 1992.

Throughout his career, Norm used his positions to make Denver a better place to live and work. During his 10-year tenure as Denver's District Attorney, Norm earned numerous awards for his outstanding efforts to help victims of crime and the work he did to help survivors of sexual abuse. And even as he served our community, Norm also worked to found the Sam Cary Bar Association and the National Black Prosecutors Association where he would go on to serve as its first president, a position he would, again, use to promote justice and fairness throughout the country.

There are endless stories from those who knew Norm best about the work he did to make Denver a more just place—and the barriers he broke along the way. Even so, for those of us who considered him a friend, it's Norm's charm and wit that we will miss the most. He always had a kind smile to give and was always the first to offer a good laugh. Truly, I am grateful for the time I had to work with Norm and see firsthand his passion for public service and tireless compassion for survivors.

As our community gathers to remember Norm's life, I offer my heartfelt sympathies to his family, friends, and former colleagues. I hope they find comfort in knowing the lasting legacy Norm leaves behind. The work he did to break barriers and pave the way for a new generation of leaders has had a real impact on our city—and it will never be forgotten.

# RECOGNIZING JOSÉ ANDRÉS

## HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was grateful to have attended the National Association of Broadcasters Leadership Foundation's annual Celebration of Serv-

ice to America Awards on Tuesday, June 7th. It was heartfelt to hear the acceptance speech by José Andrés. His support for the people of Ukraine was so moving.

The Service to America Leadership Award recognizes individuals and organizations responsible for improving the lives of others through extraordinary public service. It is the Foundation's highest individual honor.

This year, esteemed chef, bestselling author, educator, and humanitarian José Andrés received the Service to America Leadership Award from the National Association of Broadcasters Leadership Foundation.

Andrés is highly acclaimed globally for his avant-garde cuisine served through his restaurant collective, ThinkFoodGroup. Twice honored in Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People" and a New York Times bestselling author, Andrés was awarded the National Humanities medal, which honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation's understanding of the humanities, by President Barack Obama in 2015. In 2021, Andrés launched José Andrés Media, which will produce unscripted and scripted television series, books, podcasts, and digital content with a focus on stories about the power of food.

Through his nonprofit World Central Kitchen (WCK), Andrés leads humanitarian efforts to feed communities in need and reduce food insecurity during times of crisis. Andrés and his team have served fresh meals to those affected by man-made and natural disasters across six continents, including serving over 3.6 million meals to those affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico in 2017.

Most recently, WCK partnered with local leaders, farmers, and restaurants to help those experiencing food insecurity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and laying the foundation for smarter national food policy. Andrés and WCK have been on the ground in Ukraine cooking nonstop since late February, where they have served nearly 30 million meals.

The NAB Leadership Foundation is proud to present José Andrés with the 2022 Service to America Leadership Award.

# HONORING CHRISTINE GALLAGHER

## HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Christine (Chris) Gallagher upon her retirement from the United States Army Corp of Engineers where she served the San Francisco District's Bay Model Visitor Center (Bay Model) in Sausalito, California for nearly four decades, and for a lifetime of extraordinary public service.

Originally from Maryland, Chris moved to Marin County to complete her B.A. in Environmental Education from Dominican University in 1983. Upon graduating, she joined the National Park Service, working for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the Marin Headlands, before transitioning to the Regional Office of the U.S. Forest Service-Pacific Southwest Region. Chris joined the Bay Model in 1986, serving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as Education Coordinator and was soon promoted to Park Manager in 2001, a position she held for over twenty years.

During her tenure with the Bay Model, Chris was an integral member of the management team, leading critical improvement projects, including a \$16.5 million renovation that featured the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's largest solar installation. Hosting 150,000 visitors a year, the Bay Model has long been a pinnacle of community education, and with Chris's exemplary ambassador skills, its significance grew. She fostered and developed partnerships across the local community, government entities, and educational groups. When COVID-19 presented an unprecedented challenge for education centers like the Bay Model, Chris sprang into action, converting the facility into a space for manufacturing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Between April and May of 2020, 10,000 face shields were shipped from the Bay Model, directly supporting the pandemic response during a pivotal time for the Nation.

In addition to her exemplary service to the Bay Model, Chris is a dedicated volunteer, sharing her skills and energy as a valued member of the Sausalito Rotary Club, Sausalito Chamber of Commerce, the Sausalito-Sakaide Sister City program, and several other city boards and committees. This service has been recognized with numerous accolades throughout her tenure, including the Commander's Award for Civilian Service and Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

The breadth and depth of Chris's professional and volunteer career are inspiring, and her many positive contributions will continue to impact the community for years to come. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing gratitude to Chris for her enduring service and extending heartfelt congratulations on her retirement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bay Model Visitor Center and best wishes on her next endeavors.

HOMETOWN HERO—MIKE E.  
SIMONDS

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike E. Simonds, Senior Chief at Tarrant County Sheriffs Office. We congratulate Senior Chief Simonds on his retirement after dedicating 42 years of service to the citizens of Tarrant County, including 21 years with the Arlington Police Department.

Senior Chief Simonds has served an instrumental role in our community and state through years patrolling our streets, keeping drugs out of our cities and ensuring murderers were put behind bars. His unwavering commitment is unmatched, from assisting in the implementation of the nationwide Amber Alert Program, to helping develop the number one Human Trafficking Unit in North Texas, to building a robust Narcotics Unit, to growing the largest Auto Theft Task Force in the state.

Senior Chief Simonds served the last 5 years as the first Senior Chief for the Tarrant County Sheriffs Office with honor and integrity, bringing exceptional leadership to the agency.

I thank Senior Chief Simonds for his leadership and the lasting impact he has made with our law enforcement partners. He serves as a

role model and mentor to future leaders maintaining the highest of standards. I congratulate him on his retirement and lasting memory of a career of service.

RECOGNIZING INSPECTOR CHRISTOPHER WELSH OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 28 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on April 21, 2022, Inspector Christopher Welsh retired after 28 years of distinguished service from the Florida Department of Corrections Office of the Inspector General. Christopher has distinguished himself as leader in his selfless dedication to the law enforcement profession, leaving each post and every person who has worked with him or under his leadership better off. He will be missed by all those who have had the privilege to serve with him.

Christopher began his career with the Florida Department of Correction as a Correctional Officer at Broward Correctional Institution in 1994. He quickly moved up the ranks and by 2007 he was promoted to Inspector at the Martin Correctional Institution handling cases involving employee misconduct and malfeasance within the Florida Department of Corrections. In 2015 he was promoted to Lead Inspector in the Region 5 area where he trained and mentored new inspectors. In 2021 he was again promoted to Inspector Supervisor in Region 5 area and retired in 2022.

Mr. Welsh's noteworthy career extends beyond his time at the Florida Department of Corrections. Before serving in the FDC, Mr. Welsh served as a police officer in the United States Air Force and is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm. We are grateful for his military service. He is also a graduate of the Law Enforcement Academy and a Criminal Justice and Standards training Commission Certified Instructor. Mr. Welsh is a man of faith having served as the Youth and Family Minister at our Savior Lutheran Church in Plantation, FL, and is also an avid volunteer with a decades long commitment to giving back to his community. He coached the wrestling team at Sebastian High School and has coached baseball and football in local recreational leagues.

Mr. Welsh, a hardworking father dedicated to his faith, his family, and his community, embodies the American Dream and all that makes this nation so great. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Christopher Welsh and his exceptional career on the occasion of his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF THE STROUDSBURGS' 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor the Kiwanis Club of the Stroudsburgs

as its members celebrate its 100th anniversary. The occasion will be celebrated with a dinner on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

On June 9, 1922, prominent businessmen and professionals gathered at the Penn Stroud Hotel to meet with the state Kiwanis Club organizer to discuss chartering a Kiwanis Club in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. On June 19, 1922, the Club was officially chartered with A.R.J. Wallace elected president and the Penn Stroud Hotel chosen as the headquarters for meetings. Charter Night was celebrated on July 20, 1922 by Club members and delegates from Kiwanis Clubs in Scranton, Easton, and other cities. That first year featured a Ladies' Night, five social events, a joint meeting with Rotary and a Rotary-Kiwanis golf match, youth and adult service activities, and projects to support the community.

Committed to the Kiwanis mission of improving the lives of children, the biggest project done by the Club during its first two decades was the Stroudsburg playground. The Club also financially supported a swimming pool and the East Stroudsburg playground, establishing recreational facilities used by hundreds of children in the region. To encourage literacy, the Club purchased the first bookmobile. The Club also supported several adult activities and actively engaged with the community.

Today, the Kiwanis Club of the Stroudsburg continues to uphold the original mission of its founders to serve children of the world and their own community. A highlight of the year is the annual Pancake Day event to raise money to support their scholarship program. This year, due to the event's great success, the Club awarded 12 scholarships to high school students in Monroe County totaling more than \$12,000.

As they look toward their next 100 years, the Club is planning to honor the first projects completed by the Club by enhancing six local parks with accessible playground equipment so children of all needs and abilities can enjoy the outdoors at the community's parks and playgrounds.

I am honored to congratulate the Kiwanis Club of the Stroudsburgs for 100 years of giving back to the Monroe County community and supporting our region's youngest citizens. I wish them great success and many fulfilling years to come.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF PLANTERS DAYS

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a community I serve, Woodland, Washington, and the greater Clark and Cowlitz Counties, as we celebrate the centennial of Planters Days.

This festival, which began 100 years ago, has withstood the test of time and has been a bedrock event in this community. Originally, the festival was created to celebrate the construction of dikes along the Columbia and Lewis rivers to prevent flooding and allow farmers to safely plant crops. The first Planters Day was a single-day event, which included tours of the recently completed dikes,